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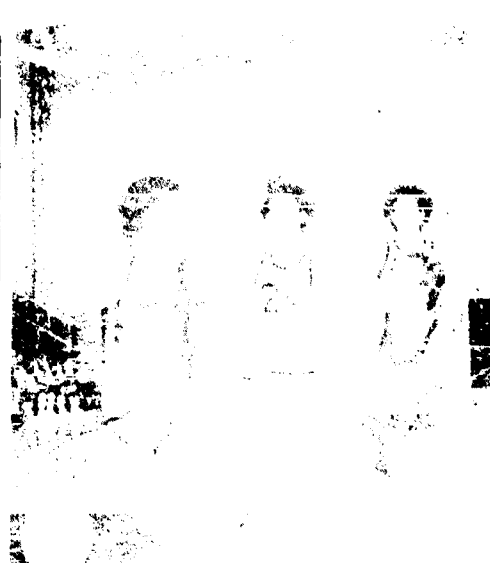
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CAGE ACTION—Viking guard Rocky Tobin (No. 21), threads the needle between three Petoskey defenders but Grayling's effort proved futile as they dropped a lopsided decision to the Northmen. (Joe Schrader Photo)

Basketball

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two, at that point, 14-12. But the Northmen came to life after that, outscoring the Vikes by 25 points the second stanza to take a 43-16 halftime bulge. From there on out it was an academic question of final score but when the final buzzer sounded the Vikes were down by 54 points. Jeff Parkinson was top scorer for

Grayling with five points. Rocky Tobin, Steve Olson and Mark McEvers chipped in with 4 apiece. Geoff Stancil, Tim Krey and Dan Niederer added two each while Tom Kaiser added one. Neill and Vratovina topped a well-balanced Northmen attack with 13 points apiece.

In the reserve tilt, Petoskey blew the Vikes off the court the final quarter, overcoming a 15-point deficit to post a three-point victory. The Vikes could garner only 11 points while Petoskey posted 29 the final stanza to pull out the victory. Mark Kibbe scored 25 points in the Vike loss. Mike Christman hit for 15. George Bindschatter added 11. Ken Heisel 10. Rich Calkins, 6 and Todd Dunckley, 4.

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Honors List

A total of 768 students achieved placement on the fall quarter Dean's List at Michigan Technological University at Houghton by earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher; 173 students earned straight A averages of 4.0.

The honor student from Grayling was Roger R. Kolb with a 4.0 average. Roger is a junior majoring in electrical engineering. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kolb.

Direct Line ...

by State Sen. Robert Davis
Home Heating Help Is On The Way.

Some Michigan residents will have an easier time coping with their home heating bills this winter.

The Legislature gave its final stamp of approval late last week to an energy cost assistance program which will help low-income and senior citizens pay this winter's heating bills.

About \$38 million was appropriated to cover the cost of the program. Some \$32 million of that amount will come from a welfare reimbursement the state received recently from the federal government.

It is anticipated that 298,000 low-income households, about half of whom will be senior citizens, will receive benefits under the program.

Here's how the program will work for residents who pay their own heating bills:

An initial flat benefit of between \$100 and \$130, depending upon income, will be paid. Of that amount, 90 percent will go to the heating energy provider and 10 percent to the electrical provider if the electrical provider is not the heating provider. Then, a second benefit of between \$20 and \$70 based upon consumption of heat and energy, will be paid. Thus, the minimum payment will be \$100 and the maximum \$200.

For example, a family of four earning less than \$4,000 a year will qualify for the maximum \$200 payment (an initial payment of \$130 plus an additional allotment of \$70), while a family of four earning a maximum of \$7,300 will receive \$120 (the initial benefit payment only).

An elderly couple making no more than \$2,000 a year will be eligible for \$200, while an elderly couple or individual with an income of no more than \$7,000 per year will get \$100.

For those households with heating energy included in their rent, a flat rate benefit of between \$60 and \$160, based upon income, will be paid for electrical energy usage.

The money will be sent directly to utility companies on behalf of eligible recipients and will then be credited to the family's account.

Only households with incomes within guidelines established under the program (contained in HB 4371) and with liquid assets valued at less than \$15,000 will be eligible for the program. Specifically excluded from participation are current AFDC and General Assistance recipients & students claimed as tax dependents on 1977 income tax returns.

The State Departments of Social Services and Treasury will be required to verify eligibility for the program. Anyone who violates this rule is guilty of a misdemeanor.

If you think you qualify for the assistance program, you should contact your county Social Service office for an application form.



VIKING GRAPPLERS are shown here in action in a losing cause against Petoskey. (Joe Schrader Photos)

Vikes Lose

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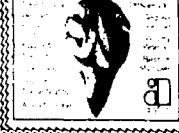
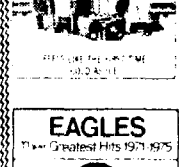
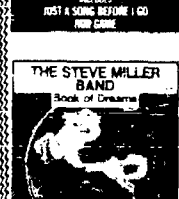
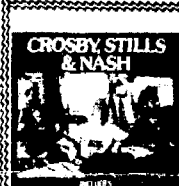
145# Terry Luckstead, lost by pin, 155# Dennis O'Mara, lost by pin, 165# Mark Goinick, lost by pin, 178# Mike Allen, won by decision (17-2), 191# Steve Dean, lost by decision (14-20), and Hus Steve OdeBaka, won by pin Junior Varsity. Todd Leslie, lost by pin, Bart DeVos, lost by pin, Barry Cote, lost by pin, Gary Hoop, lost by pin. Go Vikes! All the way!

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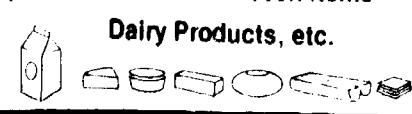
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From Our Corner....

To begin the New Year on the right foot, we have to get rid of a couple of pre-Christmas notes we jotted down before leaving for Traverse City...

First, we wish to acknowledge the receipt of the Christmas card from one of our (anonymous) avid readers — your concern shown over our loss is deeply appreciated... however, it is quite evident, through your replacement you so graciously gave up, you have not attained the age of wishful thinking... especially during Santa Claus time.

We have a friend, or possibly we should re-phrase this, we thought we had a friend here in our hamlet that just so happens to have a sauna in his igloo...

Now, for a few of the sports about town. Tuesday night is sauna night, and we normally partake in the sweat earlier due to our early rise Wednesday morning so we may get your favorite paper printed and on the street and in the mail.

For any of our readers who may not have knowledge of a sauna — one has to be a Finlander first, or a Scandinavian, or been associated with either to appreciate the relaxation one gets.

Assuming you are unaware of a sauna... let us enlighten you... it is a small room, with a stove, with a lot of stones, which get very hot, and especially when water is thrown on the rocks, and it is between 180 - 200 degrees when you step in this little enclosure.

If you have followed this far, you have to realize that you enter the room with only what the Lord gave you... you have to throw water on the benches so that you may sit...

With this in mind, we had just finished putting our Christmas paper to bed, we felt like a bit of relaxation, so we checked if the sauna would be on because of the Christmas holidays... we were assured it would be...

With this assurance we arrived and finding the normal lights on we proceeded to prepare for our expected half-hour of relaxation and let the problems of the day disappear...

We left all of our worldly goods on the table and chair... filled the bucket of cold water, and with a wash rag in hand, stepped through the door expecting 180 degrees... someone forgot the switch — it was room temperature...

Sometimes I wonder... with friends like that, who needs enemies?

Just in case you were going to ask... yes, we had a beautiful Christmas with T. J. and Stef, their mom, dad, and also checked our California family and found Amber is doing right well.

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Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM
THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

23 YEARS AGO December 30, 1954

Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Truettner entertained at an open house Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clements and grandson, Mike Watkins, returned home of Wednesday after spending ten days in Indianapolis, and Crawfordville, Ind., visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Johnson and daughters of Gaylord and the Ben DeLaMaters spent Christmas Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Marshall and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bauman and family spent Christmas in Saginaw visiting their mothers, Mrs. Hugo Bauman and Mrs. John Green.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Alef and daughter of Detroit spent the holidays visiting their son and family, the John Alefs.

Recent callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Rutkowski were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mankowski of Gaylord, Mr. and Mrs. Rutkowski left Friday to spend the holiday weekend in Detroit visiting their son, Lewis and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cinciala and family left Friday to spend the holidays in Bay City visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Galza and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Sven Madsen and family of Gaylord, and Mr. and Mrs. Whitey Madsen and family spent Christmas Eve with the Norman Madsens.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Petten-gill and family spent Christmas in Perry visiting his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Spalding.

Miss Jean Lovely of Flint spent the holiday weekend visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lovely.

Mrs. Jack Allen of Flint spent last week visiting the John Wilsons, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wilcox also of Flint spent Christmas with the Wilcoxes.

Miss Sylvia Robertson of Saginaw spent the Christmas weekend visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Robertson.

The Harry Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Reynolds of Midland spent Christmas visiting Mrs. William MacNeven and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Peterson and son, Bill.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Hatfield and family of Kawkawlin arrived Christmas Eve to spend the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Berry, Sr. They also visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hatfield, Sr.

46 YEARS AGO December 31, 1931

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Flowers are spending the holidays visiting relatives and friends in Chicago and Madison, Wisc. Grant Thompson is taking Mr. Flowers' place in the Western Union Telegraph office during his absence.

Tuesday evening the ladies and gentlemen of the Bridge Club enjoyed a dinner and bridge party at the Board of Trade rooms. There were six tables filled for the games after the dinner. High scores were held by Mrs. Oscar Schumann and A. J. Joseph.

Bobby Tetu - of West Branch enjoyed Christmas in Grayling visiting his father, Frank Tetu.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward King of Flint spent Christmas at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Failing and baby of Detroit spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Olson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Granger of Lansing visited at the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Stephan and Mrs. Celia Granger over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Emer Rasmussen of Marlette visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Gierke and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rasmussen here Saturday and Sunday.

Wilbur Stammeler, who attends Columbia University, New York, is spending the holidays, a guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Stammeler.

Mr. and Mrs. John Erkes are spending the holidays visiting Mrs. Jennings' parents.

Claron McNeven of Bay City has been spending the week here in quest of Howard Granger.

Mrs. Hansing Hanson entertained the Danish Ladies Aid at her home Wednesday afternoon.

The Misses Hazel and Margaret Cassidy both spent Christmas the first of the week in Detroit as the guests of Mrs. C. D. Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ziebell enjoyed a visit from their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Catlin of Toledo over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Milnes and children spent Christmas in Clare at the home of Mrs. Milnes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hartley of Kawkawlin and Mr. and Mrs. George Alfop of Bay City spent Tuesday with Mrs. Minnie Hartley and daughter, Virginia.

69 YEARS AGO December 31, 1908

Gotta Kraus is home from the M.A.C. for the holiday season.

Probate Judge Batterson passed his 64th birthday last Monday, as young as most men at 50.

Dr. S. N. Insley with his brother from N. W. Canada went to the old home near Toronto, Can., for a visit last week.

Fred Slight and family came down from Johannesburg for a Christmas visit at the old home.

Clyde Hum, Will and Edward Nolan, and Dolphus Charon all came home from their work at Lansing for a holiday vacation.

James Ballard who is employed in the office of Robert Smith Printing Company, came home for his turkey, with his mother and sister.

Frank Canfield spent a Christmas hour with the family of C. T. Jerome, between trains, returning to West Branch to eat with his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Dingles of Houghton and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Trumpler of Bay City were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Chamberlain during the holidays.

The mercury touched zero Tuesday morning at daylight and at sundown was 32 degrees above, reaching 35 degrees in the night with high winds and a good shower. Rather a sharp change.

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The Bible Speaks

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Introduction To Rev. 12 & 13

In Chapters 12 and 13 we shall be studying the work of the Satanic trinity. The trinity of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit will be imitated by Satan as the Father, Anti-christ as Christ and the False Prophet as the Holy Spirit.

The method of interpretation of these two chapters is clearly given. "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven." Notice in your side reference of your Bible that the word wonder could be translated "sign" or "symbol" from the Greek word "semeion". As we have always said, the Bible should be accepted literally unless we are instructed otherwise. Therefore we shall study the next two chapters in symbolism.

For your assistance and clarity we shall list all the symbols and interpretations before we start. This will enable you to begin your own detailed study of these two chapters. Proof of the symbols will be given as we go. 1. The woman, represents Israel. 2. The dragon, represents Satan. 3. The man-child refers to Christ. 4. Michael represents the angels. 5. Israel represents the remnant of the seed of the woman. 6. The beast out of the sea represents the anti-christ as world dictator. 7. The beast out of the earth

represents the false prophets or religious leader of the world. You will readily recognize many of these symbols as you read the context. The rest will come from scriptures.

Note the description of the first combat, the dragon clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars. And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered." Rev. 12:1-2

The identity of this symbol as Israel is clearly understood from Joseph's dream in Genesis, 37:9-10. And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it to his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more, and behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me. And he told it to his father, and to his brethren, and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?

God changed Jacob's name to Israel, and his twelve sons to the 12 tribes of Israel. In the dream it is clear Jacob understood the sun to refer to himself, the moon to his wife and the eleven stars to his eleven sons. The one to whom they were bowing was his twelfth son Joseph (later).

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4. Mike Ledge	24
5. Mike Ledge	23
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American League, 2nd Division

1. Mike Ledge	14
2. Mike Ledge	13
3. Mike Ledge	12
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5. Mike Ledge	10
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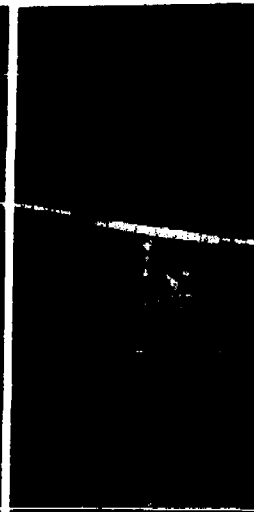
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The Avalanche — Your Want Ad Paper

Engagements Announced



Linda Eileen



Nola Evon

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Laeder of Grand Marais announce the engagement of their daughters, Linda Eileen to Gary Michael Reager of Grand Marais, and Nola Evon to Paul John Kollar of Minneapolis, Minnesota. A double wedding is planned for January 1st at the Grace Lutheran Church at 4:00 p.m. It will be followed by a dinner in the basement of the Catholic Church in Grand Marais and a reception in the Community Building.

Vike Middle School Cagers Off to Fast Start

by Joe Schrader

Seventh Grade Coach, Art Thayer, and 8th Grade mentor Russ Phillips have started off the Middle School cage program on a completely positive note — six wins and no losses! Assuming a somewhat different posture this year, the 7th

Hot Lunch Menu

January 2 through 6

Monday: No School.
Tuesday: Hot Dogs with Buns, Relishes, Fruit, Vegetable.
Wednesday: Macaroni and Cheese, Vegetable, Jello & Fruit, Hot Rolls & Butter.
Thursday: Tomato Soup with Crackers, Cheese Slices, Bread & Peanut Butter, Cake.
Friday: Fishwiches, Tartar Sauce, Pickles, Vegetable, Fruit.
Milk is served with all meals. Menu is subject to change without notice.

OBITUARY

Services Held For Mrs. Alice Weaver

Funeral services were held Monday, December 26, at the First Baptist Church of Frederic for Mrs. Alice M. Weaver. Rev. Robert Taylor officiated at the one o'clock services and interment was in Oakwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Weaver was born in Frederic June 9, 1893, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samson Johnson, and was a lifetime resident. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Frederic and the Frederic Mom's Club and last of the original members of that group.

She is survived by her husband, Otis; four sons, Raymond, Donald, Robert and Richard, all of Frederic; four daughters, Mrs. Delta Garver, Mrs. Ruby Alma and Mrs. Alma Mitchell, all of Frederic, and Mrs. Elsie Myers of Detroit; two brothers, George Johnson and Charles Johnson, both of St. Helena; one sister, Mrs. Marie Hutton of Grayling; 25 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Serving as pallbearers were Robert Garver, Alan Alma, Rex Alma, Rodney Miller, Steve Weaver, Mark Mitchell, Chris Weaver and David Weaver.

Mrs. Lila Bradow Dies in Lansing

Mrs. Lila Bradow, 78, of Lansing passed away Christmas morning at the Lansing General Hospital. She was born in Kalamazoo area June 12, 1899 and was a former Grayling resident.

Survivors include three sons, Forrest of Lansing, Roger of Mason and Bruce of Denver, Colorado; 1 daughter, Mrs. Audrey Southwell of Lansing; and two sisters, Mrs. Lela Niederer and Mrs. Leona Papendick, both of Grayling. Her husband preceded her in death.

Funeral services were to be held at one o'clock Wednesday, December 28, at the Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Home in Lansing.

Superintendent's Corner

By Fraser Dean

For the next few months there will undoubtedly be several occasions when parents and children will wonder if school might be called off because of bad road conditions. This always gives rise to the question of who makes the decision to call off school and how it is arrived at.

Generally there are one or two conditions that require the closing of school. They are (1) heavy snow, and (2) icy conditions. School is called off more often because of icy or slippery road conditions than heavy snow because the roads are generally more dangerous and cause the busses more problems. The amount of snowfall that creates dangerous driving conditions depends upon the amount of blowing and drifting that occurs.

It is the one who must decide to close schools that obviously, I must make that decision after consulting with several parties. If on his way to work in the morning the bus supervisor thinks there may be dangerous road conditions, he consults with the county road commission and often the county sheriff's department to get their opinion on the condition of the roads. He then calls me and after considering the information he has received along with such things as the immediate weather forecast and snow or ice conditions in adjacent counties that I will already have received from the weather bureau and surrounding school districts, I decide whether or not to send the busses out.

After the decision is made it is telephoned to the local radio station, WWRM in Gaylord, and WHGR in Houghton Lake. We also have a telephone fan out system for school employees.

There are occasions when school is dismissed an hour early because of deteriorating road conditions. Generally this is not done because we believe roads will be more dangerous an hour later. It is done to insure that our busses will be off the roads before dark when the combination of slippery roads and poor visibility because of darkness and heavy or blowing snow will create a dangerous situation.

We did have one unique situation occur this year when schools were closed because of a power failure that left the buildings unlit and unheated for a nine hour period.

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Joan Moody (left) was selected to draw the Christmas Stocking winner and she shows the winning name here as Pam Miller. Glen's Market employee helps out.



The Lucky Winner was Marylou Goss (right) who is shown here accepting stocking full of family goodies from Store Manager Denny Freeman.

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Christmas

A blessed and joyous holiday season from the Almanack

Richard Millman

[EDITOR'S NOTE: The following Christmas-season Almanack is repeated from previous years].

"Here is a young man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was 30, and then for three years he was an itinerant preacher.

"He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never put his foot inside a big city. He never traveled 200 miles from the place where he was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself.

"While He was still a young man, the tide of public opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth, and that was His coat.

"When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

"Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure of the human race and the leader of the column of progress.

"I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever sailed, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as has that one solitary life."

Of course I didn't write that article; I only repeat it from the original and unknown author. But it seems to me that in a relatively few lines, the story of

"One Solitary Life" helps to add perspective to our activities especially as we enjoy the holiday season each year.

What we each seek is happiness, each in his own form, and happiness comes in many guises. As long as I'm quoting, let me endorse the formula of Ralph Waldo Emerson:

"A Happy Life is to laugh often and to love much ... to win the respect of intelligent persons and the affection of children ... to earn the approbation of honest critics and to endure the betrayal of friends ... to appreciate beauty ... to find the best in everything ... to give one's self ... to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition ... to have played and laughed with enthusiasm and to have sung with exaltation ... to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived ..."

Yes, we need a credo, a purpose, a plan to our living. We need principles, truth, faith. We need prayer.

One of the most beautiful and touching prayers is the familiar prayer of St. Francis:

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace ... where there is hatred, let me sow love ... where there is injury, pardon ... where there is doubt, faith ... where there is despair, hope ... where there is darkness, light ... and where there is sadness, joy.

"Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console ... to be understood as to understand ... to be loved as to love ... for it is in giving that we receive ... it is in pardoning that we are pardoned ... and in dying that we are born to eternal life."

Truly, words to live by. To all of you, a blessed and joyous holiday season from the Almanack.



REALTORS INSTALL OFFICERS—The Water Wonderland Board of Realtors met recently for their annual Christmas Dinner - Dance. It was held at the back of the Gaylord New Board officers for the coming year were installed. In photo from left: Jerome Koyler, director (Mill-Town Realty, Grayling); Bob Frause, secretary-treasurer (Real Estate One, Gaylord); Paul Stolt, district vice-president; Dale Fisher, president (Real Estate One, Cheboygan); Bill Coqswell, director (Keith Dressel Realty, Gaylord); Bob Frause, director (Keith Dressel Realty, Gaylord); Bob Frause, vice-president (Professional Realty, Grayling).

Fluorescent More Varied Than You Think

by Merrill Baldwin
Extension Home Economist

Good lighting, properly placed, makes a home comfortable and easy to live in. It will also enhance furniture, textures and colors.

Until recently most homeowners depended on the incandescent lamp (common light bulb) as the main source of lighting. But lighting with fluorescent lamps is a more economical alternative and will save considerable energy.

The incandescent lamp is popular because it is the least expensive to purchase. It adds a pleasant atmosphere, and like other lamps it does not deteriorate each time it is turned "on" and "off." However, the incandescent lamp lacks efficiency.

Efficiency is determined by the amount of light produced (lumens for the amount of electrical power used), and the fluorescent lamp also provides from 12,000 to 20,000 hours of use, while a long life incandescent lamp only provides approximately 1,500 hours of usage.

The use of fluorescent lamps in the home has not really caught on, and one of the big reasons is a lack of knowledge the people have concerning the fluorescent lamps. People often do not realize that the lamps come in a variety of colors. It's true that fluorescent lamps sometimes give a cool, crisp appearance but that's because they were not purchased correctly.

La Leche League Meeting January 5th

If your family is awaiting the arrival of a new member, the Roscommon LaLeche League meeting, "The Family in Relation to the Breastfed Baby," may interest you. Informal discussion will center on how to manage those first hectic weeks with emphasis on the entire family as well as timely tips for mother and baby.

The meeting will be held on January 5, 1978, 7:30 p.m., at 8085 N. Everett Rd., Roscommon. For further information call 275-8431.

Receives Degree

MARQUETTE — Northern Michigan University will award 393 degrees during its midyear commencement at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 17th in the C. B. Hedgcock Fieldhouse.

The graduating class includes one candidate for an educational specialist degree, 48 for master's degrees, 318 for bachelor's degrees, and 26 for associate degrees.

Among the graduating students was Jay Woolley of Grayling who received his Liberal Arts Degree.

PUNCH LINE



Avoid the growling man. He may lead a dog's life.

C.O.O.R. Crickets In Cage Win

The COOR Crickets opened up their 1977-78 basketball season last Thursday with a 24-8 victory over the Aloha Hot Shots of Houghton Lake. The game, which was played in the Roscommon Elementary gym, marked the beginning of the third year of play for the two teams, which are both composed of mentally impaired players.

First year player, Rick Babcock of Houghton Lake led the COOR team in scoring with 8 points. Frank Schoen of Grayling added 6 points for the winners, and last year's leading scorer, J. J. Austin (Houghton Lake) tallied 4 points. Other Crickets scoring points were Ron White (West Branch) with 4 points, and Richard Good (Gladwin) with 2 points. Several players were competing in their first game for the COOR team; these included Dwayne Oswald (Houghton Lake), Mike Laurel (Eastport), and Ed Rybacki of Houghton Lake.

Leading the Aloha scoring attack was Mike Nelson with 5 points.

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GETTING READY TO host the Holiday Season, two Frederic Elementary students assist the School Librarian in the annual Christmas Tree decorating treat. (Photos by Joe Schrader)

Frederic

[Continued from page 1]

Foremost in the mind of Hawkins is the quality education of the students under his direction. "Our staff is deeply concerned about the education of our children," Hawkins continued. "Our staff members are willing to make themselves available to parents and students alike; we believe that communication between the students, the school and parents is one of our foremost responsibilities."

Rick Townsend, Grayling Band Director, teaches music each day at the Frederic School and Jean Sierfield is present for the remedial reading process on a half-day basis. Thus, the school has everything necessary to provide a well-rounded education to its students. When Frederic students graduate to Grayling's Middle School, they'll be ready for "Junior High".

"Top quality education" is Frederic Elementary School's trademark.

Bits O' Talk

by Fay Bovee

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hoag have returned from Puerto Rico and arrived at her parent's last Wednesday to spend Christmas. They left this Wednesday to make their home in Seattle, Wash. Joining the Don Jansen's on Monday for their Christmas were his brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jansen, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Jansen, of Roscommon; his sister, Mr. and Mrs. John List of Saginaw; Elsie's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Peters, also of Saginaw; a nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Jansen of Harrisville; Dave and Elaine Jansen and Curt and Sue Jansen of Grayling.

Bob Karolyi of Ann Arbor arrived Christmas night to visit Dena Bovee for a few days at the home of her parents.

Bridget Hoffman of S. Lyons and Mike and John Hoffman spent Christmas with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Hoffman. The boys are on their Christmas break from CMU.

Jerome Brady of West Bloomfield spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Sadie Brady and his brother, Richard.

Spending Christmas week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Art Weideman were their children, Trooper and Mrs. Arthur Wakeley of West Branch, and Bill and Molly Weideman of Midland. Art and Cindy also visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wakeley down river.

Gustavo Arancibia, who is attending college at Fort Dodge, Iowa, spent Christmas with the Charles Fick family. He is a brother of Gonzalo, who as an exchange student, spent a year with the Ficks.

Frederic Business Assn.

The Frederic Business Association will meet Wednesday, January 4th at the Frederic Town Hall at 8:00 p.m.

We urge all members to attend.

Merna Newberry



THE FREDERIC ELEMENTARY School Principal, David Hawkins, relaxes in his office and reflects the quiet but businesslike atmosphere present in the educational facility.

Earns Degree

Eastern Michigan University conferred degrees upon more than 1,100 students Sunday, Dec. 18th at its 29th Winter Commencement, held in Bowen Field House on the EMU campus in Ypsilanti. Nearly 800 graduating seniors received baccalaureate degrees, while more than 300 advanced degrees were awarded to graduate students.

Theresa Ann Cary, of Grayling, received her Bachelor of Science degree at the ceremony.

Named to LSSC Dean's List

SAULT STE. MARIE — Students from this area have been named to the 1977 fall quarter Dean's List at Lake Superior State College.

Inclusion on the list is limited to those who have earned a 3.5 or above grade point average; halfway between an A and a B.

Those on the list from this area:

Deborah Bollman, Lori Donaldson, Lori Wieber of Grayling and Thomas Cross of Frederic.

Legal Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN
In the Probate Court for the County of Crawford
In the Matter of the Estate of Ernest Larsen, Deceased.

NOTICE TO ABSENT APPLICANT BENEFICIARIES:
Carl Larsen, Chris Larsen, Axel Larsen, Icie Larsen, Hans Larsen and Anton Larsen, and/or your unknown presumptive heirs, next of kin, legatees, and devisees.

Three years have elapsed since the death of Ernest Larsen. Unless cause to the contrary be shown, on the 27th day of January, 1978 at 10:30 a.m. in the Probate Courtroom, Grayling, Michigan, an order of assignment and distribution will be made by the Court of the portion of the Estate which would be distributed and assigned to the absent persons on said date.

Dated: December 27, 1977

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Administrator

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29-5-12-19

STURGEON SPEARING SEASON — STATEWIDE —

The Natural Resources Commission, under the authority of sections 1 and 3 of Act No. 230, P.A. 1925, as amended, orders that for five years beginning January 1, 1978, it shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take sturgeon by means of spears from the inland waters of this State, except during the month of February of each year.

Lovells News

by Ruth Caldwell

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Spencer spent the Christmas holidays with relatives in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Abbott Walker spent the Christmas week-end with their daughter and family in Walled Lake; also, her mother, Mrs. Margaret Craig.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kinsman enjoyed having their daughter and family from Dearborn with them on Christmas Day.

Margaret and Jim Douglas spent Christmas Day with Tom Douglas and family in Traverse City.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Commons spent the Christmas holidays with their daughter and family in Brighton.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stalker and sons of Saline and Jim Koehnke and friend of Ann Arbor spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Koehnke.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Behlke enjoyed having her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Rose, with them over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Morris spent Christmas with relatives in Kawkawlin and Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Lambert and son, Troy, are enjoying a vacation in Florida.

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